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U.S. business inventories were unexpectedly unchanged in January as increases in stocks at retailers were offset by declines at manufacturers and wholesalers. The unchanged reading in business inventories reported by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau followed a 0.3% increase in December. Economists polled by Reuters had expected inventories, a key component of gross domestic product, to rise 0.2%. Inventories increased 0.4% year-on-year in January. Private inventory investment subtracted 0.3 percentage point from GDP growth last quarter after providing a large boost in the third quarter. The economy grew at a 3.2% annualized rate in the October-December quarter. Growth estimates for the first quarter are converging around a 2.0% pace.

China house prices fall at a faster pace in Feb

Chinese house prices fell at a sharper pace in February than the prior month, official data showed on Friday, as the country's property market remained under pressure from worsening sales and waning consumer confidence. Chinese house prices fell 1.4% year-on-year in February, about twice as much as the 0.7% drop seen in January. The reading came despite consistent efforts from Beijing to support the housing market, including lower lending rates and fewer restrictions on homebuyers. Prices fell about 0.36% month-on-month in February, with most cities in the country logging steady declines in prices from their 2021 peaks.

China central bank leaves key policy rate unchanged, as expected

China's central bank left a key policy rate unchanged while withdrawing cash from a medium-term policy loan operation on Friday, as authorities continued to priorities currency stability amid uncertainty over the timing of expected Federal Reserve interest rate cuts. The Fed's historic monetary tightening has bolstered the dollar and pressured the yuan over the past few years. Cutting rates before a move by the Fed or other major central banks would widen yield differentials, potentially putting more pressure on the local currency. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) said it was keeping the rate on 387-billion-yuan (\$53.80 billion) worth of one-year medium-term lending facility (MLF) loans to some financial institutions unchanged at 2.50% from the previous operation.

Dollar gains ahead of PPI release; euro seeks ECB clues

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.51, +1.93 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA) was 2.50, +2.0 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.29, +10.00 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.68 Moving in a range of 35.78-35.84 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.65-35.95 today. The U.S. dollar edged higher in European trade, retaining recent strength ahead the release of more cues on U.S. interest rates in the form of producer inflation and retail sales data. The Dollar Index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of six other currencies, traded 0.1% higher at 102.490. The dollar received a boost earlier in the week after the release of a stronger-than-expected U.S. consumer price index print earlier this week, which ramped up bets that the Federal Reserve will take its time in reducing interest rates. The U.S. currency has slumped around 1.7% over the last month, hit hard last week by dovish comments from Fed chief Jerome Powell, during his two-day testimony in front of Congress, which were seen by the markets as suggesting the U.S. central bank was preparing to start cutting interest rates in the summer. However, the index is still up around 1.5% this year as U.S. data has shown that the economy remains strong, and Tuesday's CPI release suggested inflation remains a major sticking point.

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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	1M History	Last	9/ Cha (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	1M R	1M Range		
Currency	TIVI HISTORY	Lasi	% Chg (1D)	% Crig (TW)	%Crig (TW)	Min	Max			
5		400.07	0.00/	0.40/	4.00/	400.70	40400			
Dollar Index		102.87	0.0%	-0.4%	-1.3%	102.73				
EUR/USD		1.0929	0.0%	0.3%	1.5%	1.0706	1.0945			
USD/JPY	$\overline{}$	147.28	0.1%	-0.8%	-1.4%	146.73	150.60			
USD/CHF	<u></u>	0.8772	0.0%	-0.5%	0.1%	0.8740	0.8868			
GBP/USD		1.2800	-0.1%	0.5%	1.4%	1.2563	1.2853			
USD/CAD	<u></u>	1.3490	0.0%	-0.2%	0.2%	1.3450	1.3589			
AUD/USD	/	0.6608	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	0.6453	0.6625			
NZD/USD	/	0.6159	-0.1%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6062	0.6194			
ASEAN Dollar		106.02	0.0%	-1.1%	-1.1%	106.16	107.66			
USD/THB	<u></u>	35.69	0.5%	0.3%	-0.3%	35.43	36.16			
USD/SGD	<u></u>	1.3314	0.0%	-0.4%	-1.0%	1.3306	1.3507			
USD/MYR	<u></u>	4.6799	0.0%	-0.7%	-1.8%	4.6799	4.8034			
USD/IDR	<u></u>	15,493	-0.3%	-0.8%	-0.3%	15,493	15,708			
USD/PHP		55.75	0.1%	-0.5%	-0.6%	55.70	56.51			
USD/CNY		7.1779	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%	7.1749	7.2154			
USD/HKD	~~	7.8184	-0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	7.8140	7.8335			

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves										
USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	% C	hg(1D)						
1-month		0.35	-0.20							
3-month		1.10	-0.30							
6-month		2.00	-0.40							
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn	Chg(1W)						
Total	and the latest section in the latest section	223,106	728							
Golds		16,356	374							
SDR		5,474	3							
IMF Reserves		1,165	1_							
Foreign Ccy		200,110	350							
Net Fwd Position		29,400	-125							
	update:	3/1/2024								

Foreign Fund Flows (TUP mn)

Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)												
Date	te		Equity			Во	ond		Total			
3/14/	2024	3,	,647			0		3,647				
3/13/	3/13/2024		1,068		-437			631				
3/12/	3/12/2024		-200		-3,7	-3,794		-3,995				
3/11/	3/11/2024		-2,342		1	109		-2,233				
3/8/2	024	1,	,610		-1,0	071		539				
Last	5 days	3	,783		-5,	193		-1,410				
ı	Period-t	o-date	Eq	uity	E	Bond		Total				
MTD	Month		4 -	1,261	•	0	4	-1,261				
QTD	Quarter		ψ -	29,273	•	0	4	-29,273				
YTD	Year		4 -	29,273	•	0	4	-29,273				

Money Market														
ТНВ	4M Hist	st Last	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M R	ange
BIBOR	IIVI MISL	Lasi	Min	Max	ІПВГІЛ	THEIR IN HIS	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	IINI LIIST	Lasi	Min	Max
ON	_	2.50	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.07	0.07	0.08
_	_	2.50	0.00	2.50	UN		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON		0.07	0.07	
1W	,,	2.53	0.00	2.53	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.09
1M	,	2.55	0.00	2.55	1M	•••	1.59	0.88	1.72	1M		0.11	0.08	0.11
2M		2.61	0.00	2.61						2M		0.00	0.00	0.15
3M		2.65	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	•	0.26	0.11	0.26
6M		2.73	0.00	2.73	6M	~~	1.95	1.31	1.99	6M		0.44	0.15	0.44
12M		2.84	0.00	2.84	12M	~	2.26	1.59	2.26	12M		0.80	0.22	0.80
							Las	t Updated:	6/29/2023			Las	t Updated:	3/9/2022

Note: D=d=day; M=mth=month; Y=year; %chg = percentage change; chg = change; USTH FX Sp = USD/THB FX Swap point; \$mn=million US dollar; THB.mn= Thai baht million; Hist=history; THB implied = Thai baht rate that are calculated by FX forward rate; ASEAN Index = value average ASEAN FX Jan2008=100

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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%) Bps Chg (1D) B		Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
Fixed income	TWI HISTORY	1 I IVI (%)	bps cng (1D)	bps Cng (TW)	bps Crig (TM)	Min	Max
UST10y		4.1400	13.00	-79.00	79.00	3.35	4.93
Gilt 10y	~	4.0145	22.76	-65.06	53.64	3.29	4.67
Bund 10y	-	2.2600	5.00	-53.00	-6.00	2.03	2.89
JGB 10y		0.7210	8.70	-6.60	38.40	0.31	0.85
TGB 1y		2.2349	-0.05	-0.12	-3.23	2.23	2.27
TGB 2y	-	2.1279	0.16	-1.66	-4.15	2.12	2.19
TGB 5y		2.1974	0.88	-3.87	-6.71	2.19	2.29
TGB 7y		2.3038	0.28	-4.67	-9.78	2.30	2.42
TGB 10y		2.4973	0.24	-4.45	-5.54	2.49	2.58
AAA Spread		62.06	-0.69	-3.10	-11.10	62.06	73.86
AA Spread		78.95	4.12	11.87	-5.73	67.08	92.30
A Spread		108.03	-0.91	-4.30	-20.15	108.03	128.18
BBB Spread	^	235.81	0.16	-3.05	9.49	225.63	239.72

Note: UST = US Treasury; Gilt = UK Government Bond; JGB = Japanese Government bond; Bund = German Government Bond; TGB = Thai government Bond; tenors of the bonds are put after their name; bps=basis point; Corporate spreads are Thai and reported in basis points over government bond for the tenors 3-5 years.

Commodity Market

Commodity	1M History	Loot	0/ Cha (4D)	0/ Cha /1\A/\	0/ Cha /4 M)	1M Range	
Commodity	TIVI HISTORY	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
Brent Crude	~~~~	84.10	0.1%	1.4%	3.1%	81.60	84.10
London Gold		2169.8	0.4%	0.6%	9.0%	1,990.8	2,178.5
Note: Unit of Brent crude o	il price is \$/barrel; unit of	f gold price is \$/ou	nce				

Equity Market

Equity Inday	14M Hictory	0.04	0/ Cha /1D)	0/ Cha /4\\\\	0/ Cha /1 M		
Equity Index	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max
S&P500 (US)		5,078.2	0.0%	2.7%	11.2%	4,559.3	5,096.3
STOXX (EU)		488.4	0.0%	4.3%	11.9%	423.4	488.4
FTSE All-Share(UK)		4,088.1	0.8%	2.6%	2.4%	3,954.4	4,172.4
DAX (DE)	-	16,961.4	1.6%	14.0%	8.0%	14,879.9	16,961.4
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,549.6	0.5%	9.3%	0.6%	5,076.8	5,640.4
TOPIX (JP)	$\overline{}$	2,529.2	5.7%	10.3%	28.6%	1,947.5	2,529.2
Shanghai (CH)		2,983.7	-3.9%	-7.0%	-12.8%	2,983.7	3,557.1
Hang Seng (HK)		15,899.9	-2.0%	-8.1%	-18.7%	15,899.9	20,309.9
ASX 200 (AU)		7,555.4	0.5%	9.5%	4.4%	6,890.2	7,555.4
SET (TH)	<u></u>	1,376.1	-2.7%	-1.1%	-14.6%	1,376.1	1,627.4
SET50 (TH)	<u></u>	842.3	-3.0%	-1.8%	-13.3%	842.3	971.5
Straits Times (SG)	~	3,147.6	-1.6%	3.1%	-4.9%	3,053.4	3,337.4
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,496.1	0.6%	3.7%	6.2%	1,376.1	1,496.1
JSX Index (ID)		7,227.4	-0.7%	4.1%	6.5%	6,633.4	7,279.1

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

Note: A = actual, P = previous; C = consensus

6,179.6

1,024.8

2.1%

9.5%

6,801.0

1,236.8

1M Range

PSE Index (PH)

Vn Index (VN)

7.7%

8.6%

6,673.5

1,181.5

0.8%

3.3%